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To: All Principals of secondary schools and careers counsellors

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Dear Colleagues

2019 TEACHER PRIORITY AREAS

As you know, the Ministry currently employs over 10,000 teaching staff from Early Childhood through to Technical and Vocational Education, in nearly 1900 schools and colleges throughout Fiji.

The Ministry is currently completing its recruitment activities for 2019 and has identified an immediate skills shortage in the following **priority areas** for teaching staff:

Secondary – Diploma and Degree

- Mathematics
- Physics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Industrial Arts

Primary Teaching – Diploma and Degree

Early Childhood Education – Diploma and Degree

Educational Psychology – Diploma and Degree

Based on workforce planning we anticipate that these shortages will continue for the foreseeable future and I seek your support in considering these **priority areas** as you work with senior students who may see an opportunity in the teaching profession.

You all play an important role in advising students for their future and I hope, as proponents of education, you will guide those with an inclination to supporting the development of Fiji in the direction of teaching. We are working the teacher training institutions, FHEC and TSLB to address our skills shortage.

Yours faithfully

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Permanent Secretary

cc: Deputy Secretary, Human Resources